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Marlene H. Dortch, Esq. Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Dockets No. 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 98-170 and NSD File No. L-00-72

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Transmitted with this letter, on behalf of the National Rural Telecom Association (NRTA), the National Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies (OPASTCO) and the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA), is a memorandum responding to the August 22, 2002 written <u>exparte</u> presentation of the Coalition for Sustainable Universal Service.

In the event of any questions concerning this matter, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Margot Smiley Humphrey

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